

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gibson, on February 3, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary  
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch  
Brent Doig, OBPP

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: Judicial Branch

00:00:08 Chairman Gibson  
00:00:59 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a03\)](#)  
00:12:59 Chairman Gibson

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**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

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00:13:18 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Judicial Branch  
00:29:32 Chairman Gibson  
00:29:37 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Judicial Branch  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a04\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a06\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a07\)](#)  
00:42:27 Chairman Gibson  
00:42:36 Lois Menzies  
00:43:17 Chairman Gibson  
00:43:30 Lois Menzies  
00:43:43 Chairman Gibson  
00:43:57 Lois Menzies  
00:44:15 Chairman Gibson  
00:44:21 Lois Menzies  
00:44:58 Chairman Gibson  
00:45:10 Lois Menzies  
00:45:36 Chairman Gibson  
00:45:40 Sen. Gallus came in.  
00:45:41 Lois Menzies  
00:45:58 Chairman Gibson  
00:46:27 Lois Menzies  
00:47:20 Pat Gervais, LFD  
00:47:43 Lois Menzies  
00:48:12 Chairman Gibson  
00:48:16 Rep. Brodehl  
00:48:36 Lois Menzies  
00:49:32 Rep. Brodehl  
00:49:43 Lois Menzies  
00:50:19 Sen. Zinke  
00:51:16 Chief Justice McGrath  
00:52:56 Sen. Zinke  
00:53:13 Chief Justice McGrath  
00:53:23 Chairman Gibson  
00:53:27 Sen. Walker  
00:53:51 Chief Justice McGrath  
00:55:09 Chairman Gibson  
00:55:53 Chief Justice McGrath  
00:58:53 Chairman Gibson

00:58:57 Sen. Walker  
00:59:07 Lois Menzies  
01:00:15 Chairman Gibson  
01:00:21 Lois Menzies  
01:03:13 Chairman Gibson  
01:03:31 Lois Menzies  
01:03:47 Ed Smith, Clerk of Court

**EXHIBIT(jch27a08)**

01:08:44 Chairman Gibson  
01:08:48 Rep. Brodehl  
01:09:34 Ed Smith  
01:09:44 Chairman Gibson  
01:10:09 Judy Meadows, State Law Librarian  
01:11:16 Chairman Gibson  
01:23:56 Chairman Gibson  
01:24:29 Lois Menzies

**EXHIBIT(jch27a09)**

01:30:37 Chairman Gibson  
01:31:18 Lois Menzies  
01:32:56 Chairman Gibson  
01:34:26 Lois Menzies  
01:35:45 Chairman Gibson  
01:35:56 Lois Menzies  
01:36:10 Chairman Gibson  
01:36:22 Rep. Hiner  
01:36:48 Lois Menzies  
01:36:53 Sen. Walker  
01:37:08 Lois Menzies  
01:38:35 Sen. Walker  
01:38:39 Chairman Gibson  
01:39:12 John Larson, District Court Judge, Missoula  
01:39:49 Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge

**EXHIBIT(jch27a10)**

01:55:03 Chairman Gibson  
01:55:25 Rep. Hiner  
01:55:48 Pat Gervais, LFD  
01:56:14 Chairman Gibson  
01:56:25 Sen. Zinke left the room.

**Public Comment:**

01:56:39 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court  
02:05:41 Chairman Gibson  
02:05:43 Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County, Clerk of District Court

**EXHIBIT(jch27a11)**

02:08:18 Judge Larson  
02:11:42 Sen. Zinke returned.  
02:13:45 Rep. Hiner

02:16:04 Chairman Gibson

02:16:09 Dave Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a13\)](#)

02:20:10 Chairman Gibson

02:20:11 Joe Sullivan, State Bar of Montana, President

02:23:08 Sen. Gallus left the room.

02:32:26 Chairman Gibson

02:32:47 Lois Menzies

02:32:50 Pat Gervais

02:32:57 Chairman Gibson

02:33:34 Lois Menzies

02:34:03 Chairman Gibson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:34:21 Chairman Gibson

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Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jch27aad.pdf](#))